

City of Amesbury, MA
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Chapter 439. Vehicles and Traffic

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Amesbury as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Bicycles and play vehicles — See Ch. 219.

Running red light — See Ch. 360.

Trailers and mobile structures — See Ch. 421.

Article I. Unregistered Vehicles

[Adopted as Art. 22 of the 1990 Bylaws; amended in its entirety at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]

§ 439-1. Outside storage.

Unless authorized by the Building Commissioner in writing, not more than one unregistered and ungaraged motor vehicle shall be placed or allowed to remain on any lot in the Town of Amesbury; however, this section shall not be applicable to any lot whereon it is established that the business involves the authorized sale or repair of motor vehicles.

§ 439-2. Violations and penalties.

Any person who has so placed a vehicle or who, as owner of the lot, has permitted it to be placed with his knowledge and/or consent and who does not remove said vehicle within a time specified in a written notice from the Building Commissioner shall have committed an offense under this article and shall be punished by a fine of \$200. Each twenty-four-hour period during which the vehicle remains on said lot after the time specified for its removal shall constitute a separate offense.

Article II. Motorized Vehicles

[Adopted as Art. 28 of the 1990 Bylaws; amended 5-13-1996 by Art. 19; 5-14-2002 by Bill No. 2002-025]

§ 439-3. Use on City property prohibited; exception for snowmobiles at Woodsom's Farm.

All motorized vehicles are prohibited from traveling on or within properties owned by the Town of Amesbury, except that residents shall be allowed to operate snowmobiles at Woodsom's Farm under the following terms and conditions:

- A. The Parks and Recreation Committee will predesignate the areas and establish trails;

- B. The Municipal Council will establish a registration program for snowmobiles which includes a liability waiver for the City;
 - C. Snowmobiles may not use Woodsom's Farm after 10:00 p.m.;
 - D. Snowmobilers must be Amesbury residents and have Amesbury-registered vehicles; and
 - E. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall conduct hearings to formulate and issue regulations.
- [1] *Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).*

§ 439-4. Definition.

"Motorized vehicles" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: automobiles, trucks, trail bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and three wheelers.

§ 439-5. Violations and penalties.

Violations of this article shall be punishable by a fine of \$200 for each offense.

§ 439-6. Exceptions.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to surface waters of the Town of Amesbury or areas designated for the use of parking lots or access roads. Furthermore, this article shall not prohibit the City from utilizing motorized vehicles for maintenance and emergency purposes or other purposes deemed to be in the best interest of the area in question.